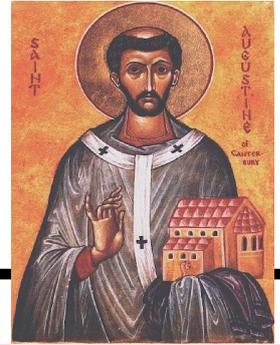




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# PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11am Sung Mass

Holy Days: As Announced

**A Very Warm  
WELCOME**

Today is

**St Mark  
the Evangelist**  
(Comm: Easter III)

**25th April 2021**

The Propers of the Mass  
begin on **Page 683**  
of the red  
**Book of Common Prayer**  
and **Page E51** of the  
**Anglican Missal**



At the end of today's service  
we conclude with the  
**Regina Caeli** (in the back of  
the white **Mass Booklets**) in  
the Lady Chapel.



**Please  
Turn off Your  
Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

*Thank you*

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Dear Friends,*

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Mark the Evangelist. Because of this we commemorate the Third Sunday of Easter, the proper Gospel for which we will hear as our Last Gospel at the end of Mass.

The proper Gospel for today, and for the next 4 Sundays including Pentecost, is drawn from our Lord's Upper Room discourse, as it is recorded in chapters 14 - 16 of St John Gospel. All the passages have a direct or indirect reference to the Holy Spirit and are intended to prepare us for Pentecost, the Coming of the Holy Spirit, and to interpret to us its meaning.

During the whole of this discourse Jesus was looking ahead and inviting his disciples to look ahead with him to the time when his bodily presence would be withdrawn from them, and their communion with him would be lifted above the physical to the spiritual plane. We must interpret his words against this background for "*a little while and ye behold me no more*", he told them. Of course, he was referring to his death, for he was about to be taken from them. His Crucifixion and Death on Calvary would mean for them a short time of mourning and separation. "*Again a little while, and ye shall see me*": Jesus was not thinking so much of the Resurrection, but rather to His Ascension and the Day of Pentecost. A new relationship would be established between the disciples

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and their Master, and they were to learn to walk by faith, not by sight, so he added "*because I go to the Father*".

The disciples were about to enter into a period of bitter anguish - the Cross lay immediately ahead. They would mourn for their Master while the world gloried in its seeming triumph over Him. Their morning would, however, be short lived, and their sorrow would be turned into joy. The analogy of a woman experiencing labour pains, perfectly illustrates this. It is through labour and travail that a woman enters into the joy of motherhood - a joy which, for most woman, banishes the pain to memory.

Jesus is not promising His disciples some passing happiness in the future, which comes and goes according to circumstance, but a deep and abiding joy which Springs from fellowship with him in the Spirit. The world can neither give nor take away such joy.

St Mark the Evangelist wrote the second gospel. He is one of the Four Evangelists who are credited as th

## May

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### Sunday 2nd

*Easter IV*

*Comm St Athanasius*

11am Sung Mass

*Followed by*

**Healing Service**

*Celebrant: The Bishop*

*Preacher: The Bishop*

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### Sunday 9th

*Easter V / Rogation Sunday*

*Comm St Gregory Nazianzus*

11am Sung Mass

*Celebrant: Fr Ray*

*Preacher: Fr Ray*

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### Thursday 13th

*Ascension Day*

12 noon Sung Mass

*Celebrant: The Bishop*

*Preacher: The Bishop*

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### Sunday 16th

*Sunday After Ascension*

11am Sung Mass

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writers of the Good News of Jesus.

Not only did Mark write the Gospel, he also founded the Church of Alexandria, which is referred to in early Christianity as one of the most important episcopal sees.

In his lifetime he evangelized the word of Christ not only in writing but by traveling great distances as a Christian missionary alongside Saint Paul and Saint Barnabas.

Little is known about the date of his birth, but it is confirmed that he was born in Cyrene, Libya.

St Mark is symbolised as the winged lion. Early Christians used creatures as symbols of the four Gospels and likened the Four Evangelists to the bible's "living creatures".

The connection between these creatures and the Evangelists grew over the centuries in the written word as well as in art.

In Revelation 4:7 we read:

*"And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the*

*third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.*



With every  
blessing,

*+ Damien*

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Fr Don & Di Walker, Chris Bosworth, Margaret and Laurence Mead, Paul Fletcher, Barbara Henderson, Todd, David and Sheila, Danny and Colin Rumens, Frederick Chadwick, Ann Chapman, Diane Young, Megan Young, Pauline Allison, Harrison and Edward Eckert, Margaret and Peter Martin, Margaret Bendelow, Dorothy Hipkiss, Fr Miles Maylor, Elizabeth Bell, Vickie Wall, Pat Johnson, Liz Bakker, Deb Stuck, Angela, Hazel, Vera and Karl, Millie Armstrong, Sarah and David Winterburn and their daughters Nicole and Corrina, Mark Harper, Robin Anderson and her family, Debbie, Ethan and Hollie Mulholland. All those effected by the Coronavirus.

*For those who read these Parish Notes on the Notice Board outside and all who receive email or paper copies.*

- For our neighbours and the people of **Painters Forstal** and the surrounding countryside and villages, the **growth** of our **Church Family**.
- For **persecuted Christians** especially in Africa, Pakistan, the Middle East and China.

*For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*

- Diocese of Canada, Fr Robert Mansfield, Vicar General
- ACC Churchwardens, parish councils.
- All ACC flower arrangers and church cleaners.
- The Diocesan Synod, the appointment of officers and a joyful year ahead.
- Refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants.

*And we remember the recently departed:* Tom Lowery, Ian D. Anderson, Bishop. HRH The Duke of Edinburgh *especially, and those whose anniversaries falls at this time* Richard Mulholland, Deacon.

**P:** ✕ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord **R:** And let light perpetual shine upon them



### CHURCH FLOWERS

*To make a donation for Flowers in Church – Please see Mrs Margaret Mead*

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